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January 2024 Club Newsletter

The next general club meeting is Tuesday January 9, 2024, at the Turlock Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA 95380. The meeting's start time is 7:00 PM and the doors open at 6:30 PM.



From the desk of the ARC-Over editor:  
Lucian KF6NPG

Hard to believe that the year is over. I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and the beginning of a Happy New Year. Speaking of the new year, consider renewing your club membership. Thanks to those who have paid their dues. Dues pay for the club activities and most importantly paying the rent and maintenance of the club repeater system.

The annual club Christmas dinner was a success, and a great meal was enjoyed by all who attended.

Please congratulate the new and returning club officers and board members. Thanks to all of you for stepping up to serve the club.

An important topic of discussion at the meeting will be the preparations for the auction in February. Volunteers are needed for Friday set up crew and equipment lots transported to auction venue. On Saturday runners are needed, along with a clean-up crew and a talk in operator. This is a major fundraising event for the club and the ham widows. If you have any questions, please attend the meeting for more details or contact Ken KF6IDK at [kennethstillwell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kennethstillwell@sbcglobal.net) or any club officer or board member. Check out the auction flyer in this ARC-OVER.

Ed K7ERD has been running the club net on Tuesday's and he is always looking for other club members to assist. Thanks to Fernando W6FRD as he has been running some of the nets to help. If you are interested in running a club net, please contact Ed at a club meeting or on the net to let him know.



## PREZ SEZ:

Bambi KI6YQL

As we close out another year, we were very blessed to avoid what could have been a horrible flood year, with our rain and snow levels. Again, I reiterate the need for us to keep our emergency skills honed, not just radio skills, but the equipment itself as well, including batteries and battery power systems in case of power outages. Have a safe and blessed New Year—see you January 9th, 2024.



Amateur Radio Operators, or “hams,” have a long history of serving their communities when storms or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, such as cell phone towers and fiber optic networks. Amateur radio functions completely independent of the internet and phone systems, and a ham radio station can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. Amateurs can quickly raise a wire antenna in a tree or on a mast, connect it to a radio and power source, and communicate effectively with others.

The ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® ARES® ([www.arrl.org/ares](http://www.arrl.org/ares)) consists of hams who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment with their local ARES leadership for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. They use their training, skills, and equipment to prepare for and provide communications during emergencies When All Else Fails®. (Courtesy of the ARRL (Amateur Radio Relay League).

If you are interested in emergency communications and serving the community, please consider joining Merced ARES. They have a weekly radio net on Mondays on the TARC repeater at 7:00 pm. **A big thanks to Dinnie N6TLW for running the voice nets.** They meet monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:00 pm at the Pizza Factory, 3146 G St. Merced, CA. For more information, please contact the Merced ARES Emergency Coordinator, Richard W6ABJ at [w6abj@arrl.net](mailto:w6abj@arrl.net).

The December meeting was the annual club Christmas dinner. Lots of Holiday Cheer, great food, and conversation.



**Meeting of the Turlock Amateur Radio Club  
December 12, 2023 @ 6:30PM  
Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting  
Salvation Army Facility, 893 Lander Ave, Turlock**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) with fifteen members and guests in attendance.

**Secretary's Report:**

no report

**Treasurer's Report:**

Report presented by Treasurer Mike Smith, (KG6VFL). Account balances, checking \$3,668.91 and CD \$5,033.60 . Paid \$72.76 to PG&E for power at Mt. Bullion. Collected \$25.00 in Dues and \$40.00 for the Christmas (Special Event) Dinner for a total of \$65.00.

**Membership Chairman's Report:**

no report

**Repeater Chairman's Report:**

no report

**ARC-Over Publisher's Report:**

no report

**Vice President's Report:**

no report

**Merced ARES Report:**

no report

**VEC Report:**

no report

**Old Business:**

none

### New Business:

The only business conducted was the election of officers.

The following officers were elected for 2024:

President	Bambi Schmidt (K16YQL), bama4@sbcglobal.net
Vice President	Lucian Thomas (KF6NPG), kf6npg@aol.com
Treasurer	Mike Smith (KG6VFL), msmith@smithandstappcpas.com
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Member at Large	John Sims (N6JCS), johncsimsjr@gmail.com

Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Following the meeting, the annual Christmas Dinner was held.

Eric McMillan (K7RKU), Secretary





## TURLOCK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB SPRING 2024 AUCTION

Saturday February 10, 2024, Doors open at 7:00 am and auction starts at 9:00 am

Turlock Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA 95380

Talk in TARC VHF Repeater 147.030+ pl 100.0

This auction features the estates of K6IXA Grady Williams and KI6PR Mike Siegel.

Coffee and donuts in the morning and Lunch (Sloppy Joes, chips, salad, and water) provided by the Turlock Salvation Army at no cost. **Donations are appreciated.**

Please check the Turlock Amateur Radio Club website (click on the auction tab) for updates at [www.w6bxn.org](http://www.w6bxn.org) . You will find on the web site:

- Auction guidelines
- Pictures of the equipment for auction

Payment can be made with credit card, check, or cash. There is a bidding paddle fee of \$5.00.

**Payment for auction items is not taken until the end of the auction.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## On Going Events

[Electronics Flea Market](#) at West Valley College in Saratoga. Once a month on the second **Sunday**.

The club will sponsor five amateur radio license test sessions in 2024.

February 13, 2024, April 9, 2024, June 11, 2024, August 13, 2024, and October 8, 2024.

## January

Club meeting Tuesday January 9, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Please try to attend as final preparations for the February auction will be discussed.

## February

2024 Spring Auction Saturday February 10, 2024, at 9:00 am and doors open at 7:00 am. The auction will be at the Turlock Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA 95380.

Club meeting Tuesday February 13, 2024, at 7:00 pm. There will be a license testing session at 6:00 pm before the meeting. We will have a presentation by Tim Scott WI6NG on POTA (Parks on the Air).

## March

Club meeting March 12, 2024, at 7:00 pm. There will be a presentation on local area repeater systems by Mark N6ARP.

## April

Club meeting April 9, 2024, at 7:00 pm. There will be a license testing session at 6:00 pm before the meeting. The presentation will be on go boxes. Bring your go box for show and tell with the group.



## TARC System Nets

- TARC Tuesday Night Net - Tuesdays 7 PM, except for the second Tuesday
- Bacon and Eggs Net - Weekdays 7 AM
- Merced ARES Net - Mondays 7 PM
- San Joaquin Section ARES Net - Sundays 7:30 PM

## 2024 Dues

Just a reminder, dues are now payable for 2024. Dues help with upkeep on the TARC repeater system and club events. Please include a [membership application](#) to help keep our information up to date. Thanks!

- Individual Membership: \$25
- Family Membership: \$35

Are you receiving TARC emails? If not [head over to W6BXN.org](http://W6BXN.org) and subscribe.

## 2024 Club Officers

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We are always looking for articles or items of interest for the ARC-OVER. If you have something for the newsletter, please send to Lucian KF6NPG at [kf6npg@aol.com](mailto:kf6npg@aol.com).

